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SUBJECT: HOLT STATION - RECUPERATIVE LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIAN
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

REF: (A) CANBERRA 949; (B) COMNAVTELCOM 150106Z FEB 75.

1. THE PROBLEM OF RECUPERATIVE LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIAN CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES AT HOLT STATION ARISES ON ALMOST A DAILY BASIS AS
INDIVIDUALS APPLY FOR LEAVE.

2. THE COMMANDING OFFICER AT HOLT STATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL
IN KEEPING A LID ON THE SITUATION BY INFORMING EACH EMPLOYEE
WHO APPLIES FOR RECUPERATIVE LEAVE OF THE FUNDING PROBLEM AND
BY OFFERING EACH INDIVIDUAL THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ANNUAL
LEAVE NOW AT THE EMPLOYEE'S EXPENSE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
HE CAN TAKE RECUPERATIVE LEAVE IN THE FUTURE WHEN FUNDS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR IT.

3. THE PROBLEM WILL SURFACE WHEN AN EMPLOYEE REFUSES THIS
OPTION AND BRINGS THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS UNION.

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4. THERE WILL BE NO PRESS STATEMENT ON THE PROBLEM UNTIL

ONE IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AND ANY PRESS STATEMENT WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE EMBASSY.

5. THIS IS THE BEST POSITION WE CAN TAKE UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, DEPT AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHOULD CONSIDER THAT, IF MAJOR LABOR ROW SHOULD RESULT FROM QTE SAVING END QTE \$45,000, POLITICAL COSTS COULD BE VERY HIGH INDEED AT TIME WHEN NORTHWEST CAPE ISSUE HAS RECEDED AS A PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE MOST ECONOMICAL STANCE WOULD BE FOR CNO TO FIND \$45,000 AND CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM AS USUAL. WE CONSIDER IT MOST UNWISE TO RUN ANY POLITICAL RISKS ON NORTHWEST CAPE FOR SAKE OF PIDDLING BUDGETARY ECONOMIES.
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